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SUBJECT: CU/CP: THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED RAISING \$25,000 WITH SRA. DE ERIZE, RESIDENT MOZARTEUM ARGENTINO, WHO FELT FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE RAISED FROM BUSINESS DONATIONS, HOWEVER, DUE LOSSES EXPERINCED BY PRACTICALLY EVERY AMERICAN SUBSIDIARY HERE AND THE SECURITY PROBLEMS U.S. FIRMS ARE FACING, IT MOST UNLIKELY THIS SOURCE WOULD PRODUCE NEARLY ENOUGH FUNDS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT NEITHER ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE NOR PSYCHOLOGICALLY SOUND REQUEST DONATIONS FOR AMERICAN ORCHESTRA FROM ARGENTINE FIRMS WHICH COULD GAIN CONSIDERABLY GREATER ADVANTAGE FROM DONATIONS TO ARGENTINE CHARITY.

2. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DEPARTMENT COMMITMENT BUENOS AIRES CONCERTS PER GRANT AGREEMENT AND CERTAINLY WOULD WELCOME CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES HERE. GIVEN PRESENT POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. HOWEVER, REQUEST DEPT. FUND ENTIRE AMOUNT, RELIEVING EMBASSY OF RESPON- SIBILITY RAISE FUNDS.
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